



**Human Services Committee  
March 12, 2015  
Senate Bill 1044 – Support**

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, and members of the Human Services Committee:

As a family child care provider in Waterbury, Senate Bill 1044 would help me and the parents who come to my daycare and their children. The Child Care subsidy program is good, but it does not go far enough. It only covers families up to 55% of the State Median Income, which is about \$39,000 for a family of three. After that they don't qualify. This means that I can't charge very much, because parents making that little can't afford to pay more. Does this mean that I subsidize low-wage workers with my low child care fees? I don't have anybody subsidizing my measly profits as a small business.

Corporations that pay very low wages do have someone who subsidizes their profits, and their profits are a lot bigger than mine! They know that their employees qualify for public assistance with child care and health care. So they keep pay low, and make lots of money. Who pays for those subsidies? All the middle class people who work hard, make enough to scrape by and just enough to pay taxes to the state and federal government.

It's not fair that big business makes so much money and the people like me and the parents who bring their children to me make so little. But that's not the point. The state can't afford to continue subsidizing their big profits without asking those corporations to pony up some of the cost. SB1044 would take the money from the corporations and put it into child care. That would help me and my families get ahead. Please support SB1044.

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